ACT 9— PROPOSAL

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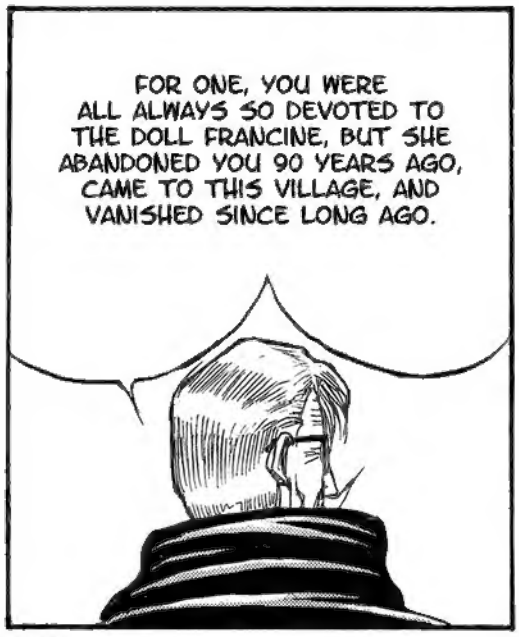
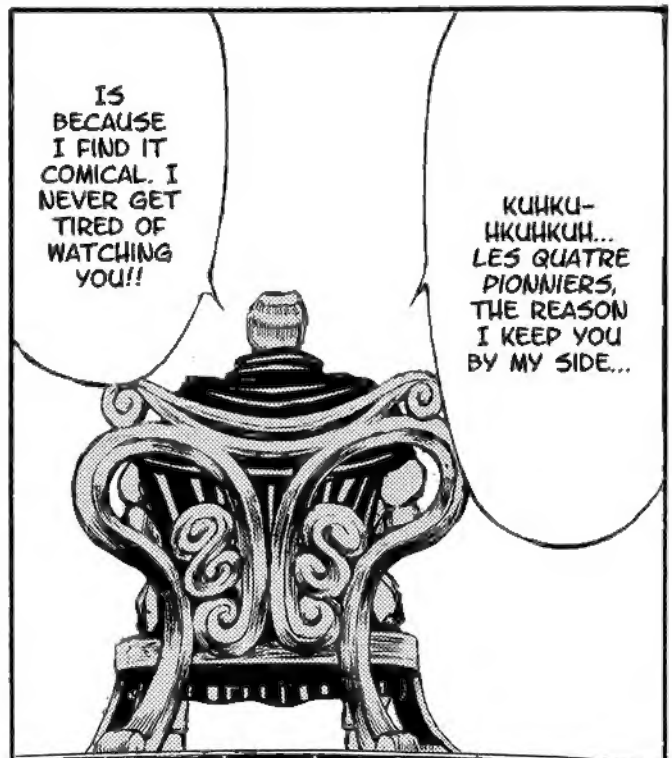
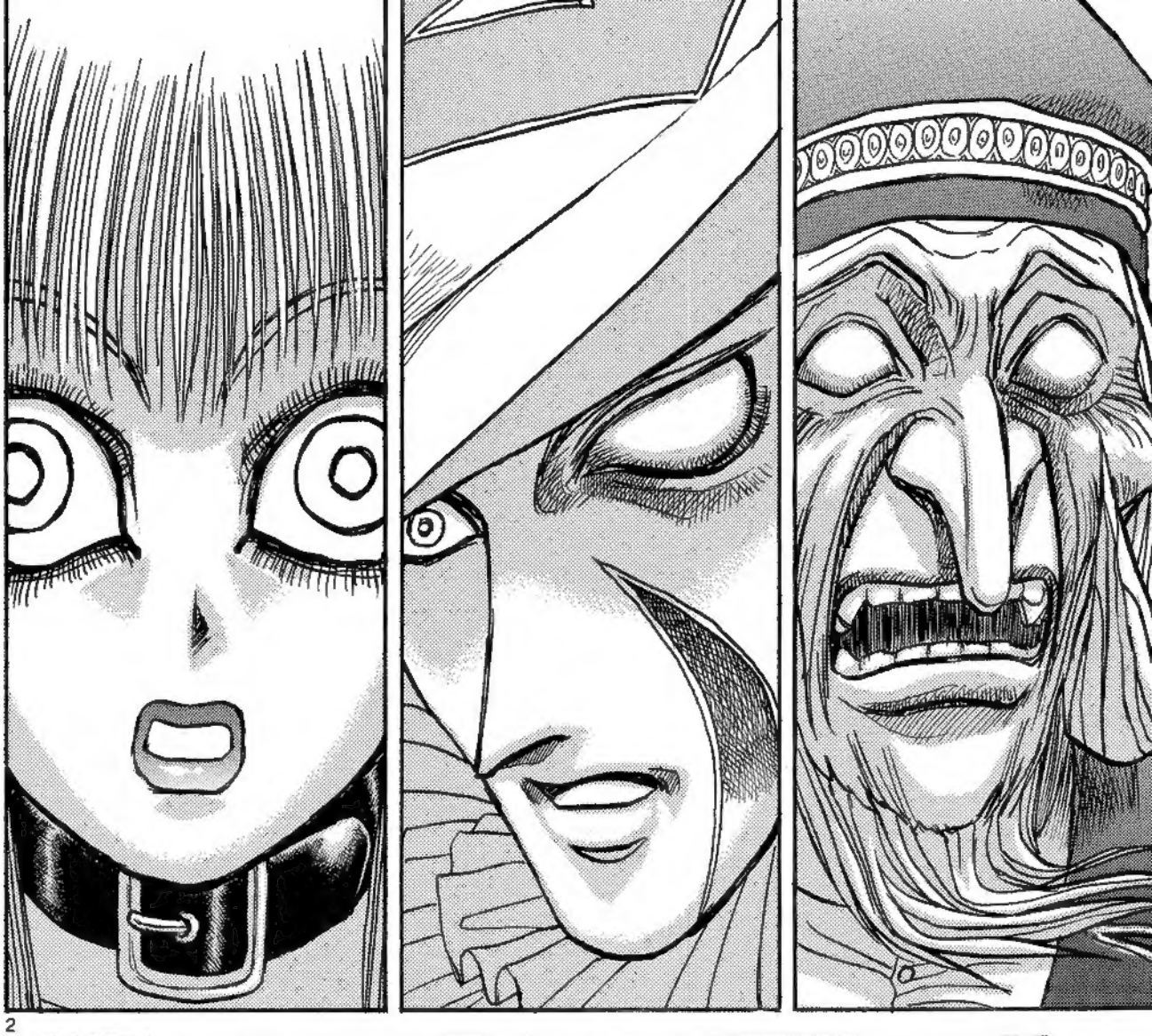

FOR ONE, YOU WERE ALL ALWAYS SO DEVOTED TO THE DOLL FRANCINE, BUT SHE ABANDONED YOU 90 YEARS AGO, CAME TO THIS VILLAGE, AND VANISHED SINCE LONG AGO.


IS BECAUSE I FIND IT COMICAL. I NEVER GET TIRED OF WATCHING YOU!!
KUHKU-HKUHKUH... LES QUATRE PIONNIERS, THE REASON I KEEP YOU BY MY SIDE...



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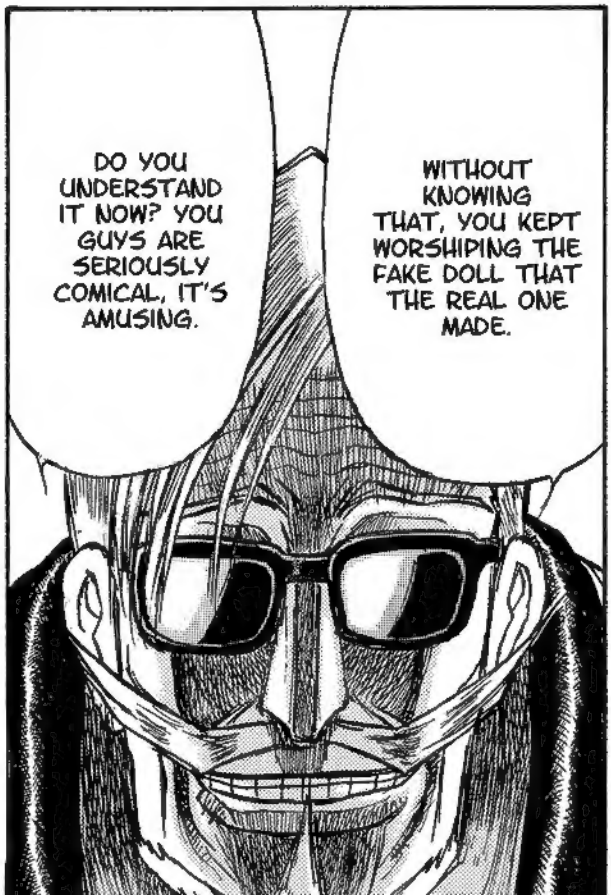
...IS SIMPLY THAT.
THE REASON PIECES OF JUNK LIKE YOU ARE STILL MOVING AROUND...


DO YOU UNDERSTAND IT NOW? YOU GUYS ARE SERIOUSLY COMICAL, IT'S AMUSING.
WITHOUT KNOWING THAT, YOU KEPT WORSHIPING THE FAKE DOLL THAT THE REAL ONE MADE.

AHHHA HAHAH AHAHA ...
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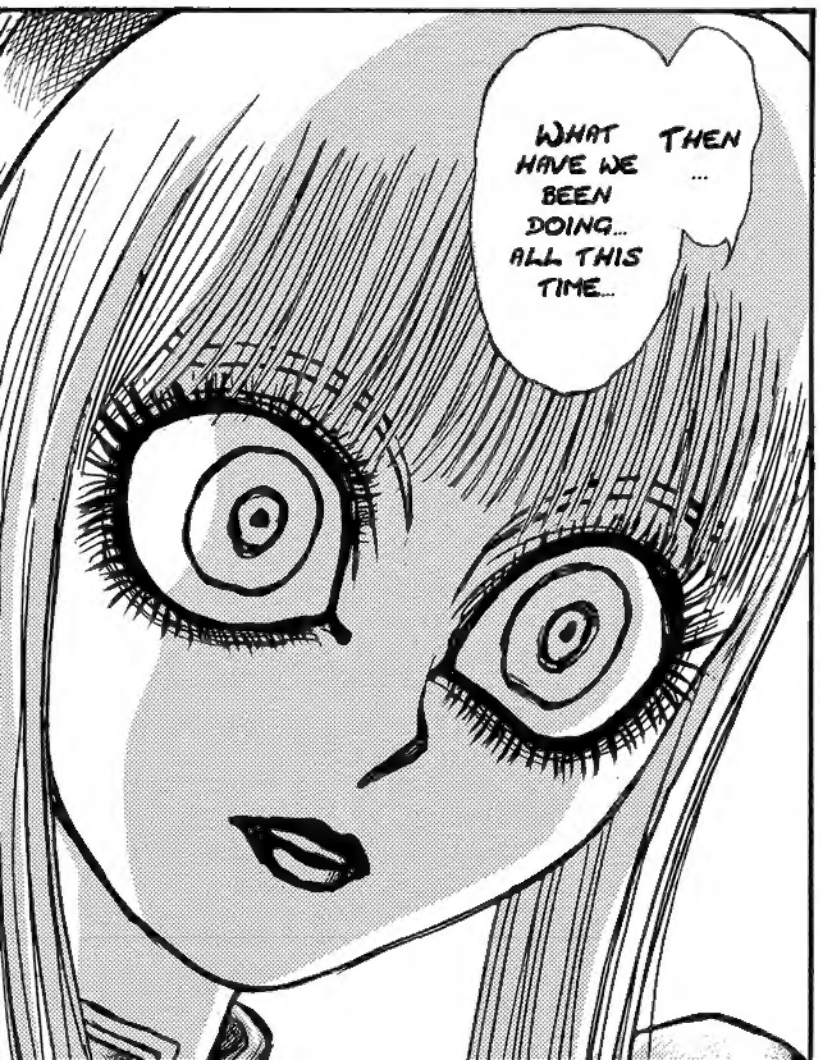
WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING... ALL THIS TIME...
THEN ...

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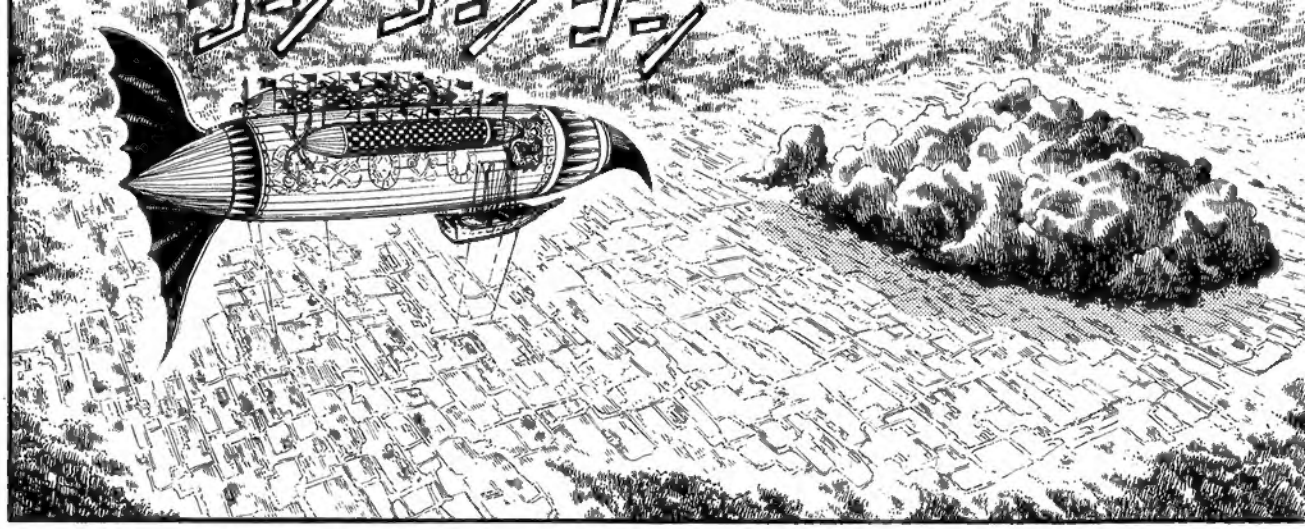

HOW DARE YOU BREAK MY TEDDY, MASARU...

THAT BOY IS HOLDING A JAPANESE SWORD... I WANT TO EXPERIENCE IT...
WAIT A MINUTE, BRIGHEL-LA.
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DON'T THINK I'LL LET YOU...

I'LL END THIS QUICKLY...
HE ALSO CUT MY HAT AND FEATHER. I WON'T LET IT PASS!!
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TCH, SINCE THIS IS THE ORDER, WE GOT NO CHOICE...
HMPH, I HAAATE THIS, BRIGHEL-LA...
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...YOUNG MASTER... PLEASE... BE CAREFUL...
IT LOOKS STRONG THIS TIME!
MASTER, THERE'S ANOTHER WEIRDO COMING!
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PROBABLY... SIMILAR TO HOW KATOU DID...
THAT PERSON... KNOWS MARTIAL ARTS...
NARUMI-NIICHAN... DID...
SIMILAR TO HOW...

TRY USING YOUR KATANA!
BOY, MY NAME IS BRIGHELLA. I'LL START WITH A CHINESE MARTIAL ARTS MOVE.
NII-CHAN ...
MAS-TER!
YOUNG MASTER!
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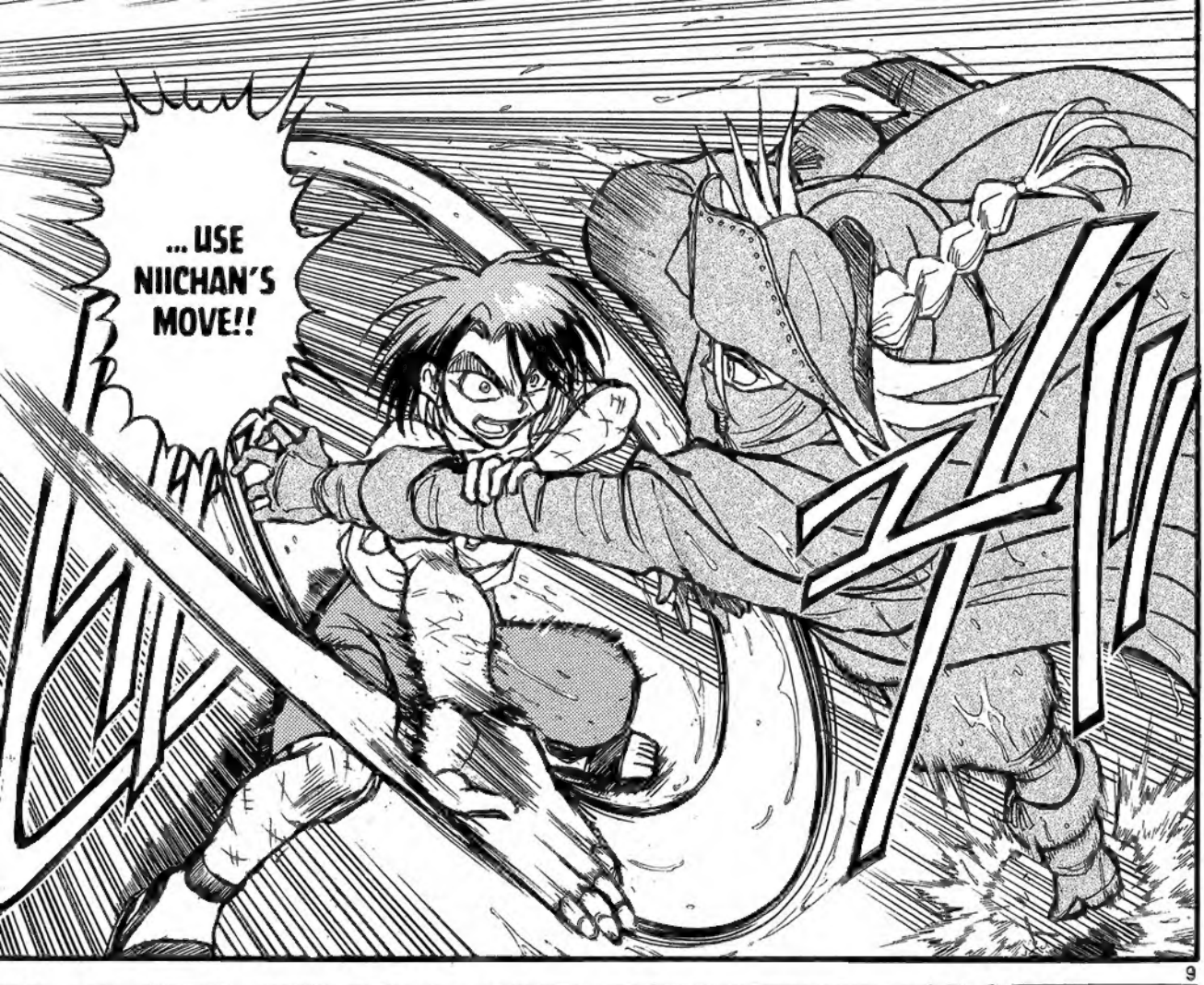
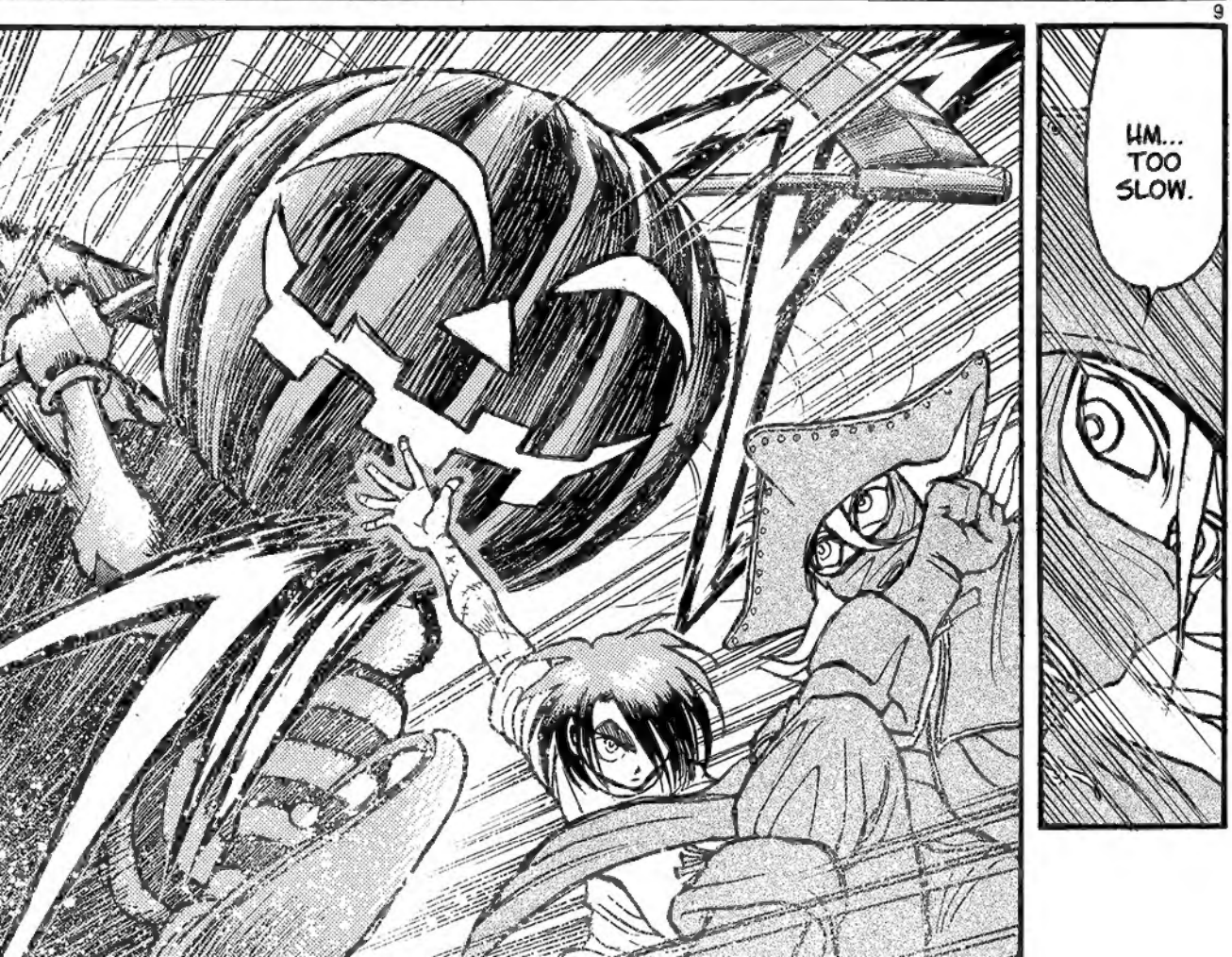
IS JUST LIKE HOW NARUMI-NIICHAN DID IT!!
THIS...

DON'T YOU DARE...

HE DODGED MY ATTACK...
WITH HIS BARE HANDS?


... USE NIICHAN'S MOVE!!


HM... TOO SLOW.

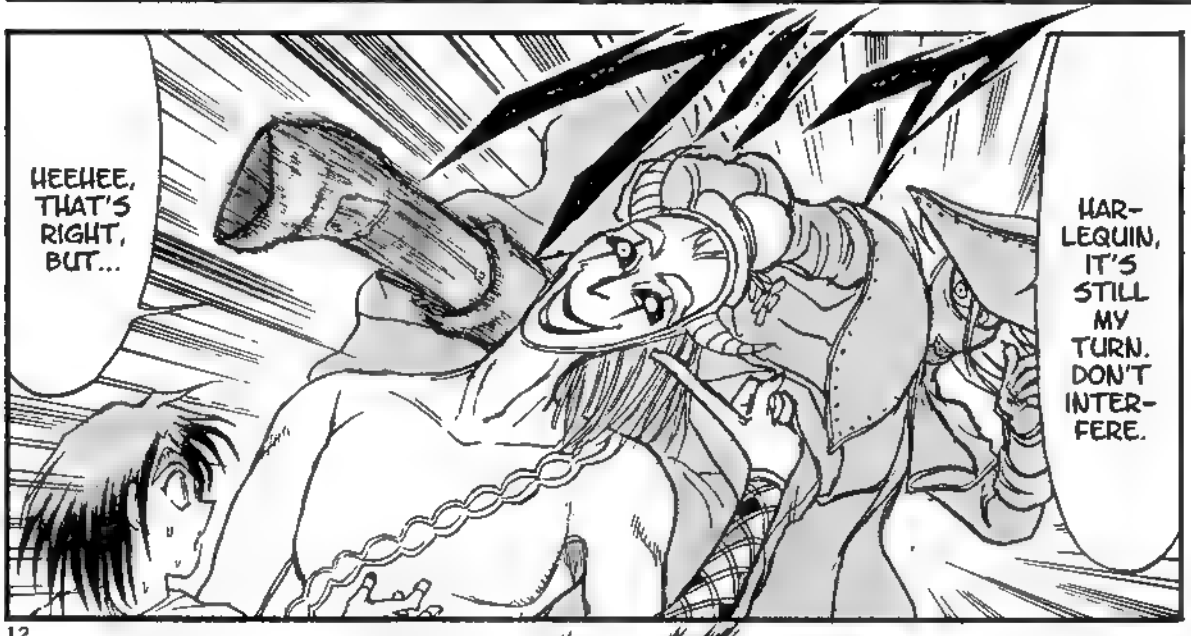
BRIGHELLA IS EXPOSED!
HE MOVED HIS MARIONETTE WHILE PRETENDING TO ATTACK WITH HIS BARE HANDS.
OH, MASARU IS PRETTY GOOD.
ULTRA HIGH SPEED VIBRATING SICKLE, GRIM REAPER!!

WAIT A MOMENT YOU TWOOO!

GETTING IN THE WAY OF CHILDREN HAVING FUN IS NO GOOD! YES AND I CAN SWEAR THAT ON THE WHITE LEGS OF A YOUNG WOMAN!!

...HE STOPPED FROM REAPER... WITH ONLY TWO FINGERS?!

BUT YOU SEE, UNLIKE IN PETER PAN'S NEVER-LAND...
EVERY PLAY MUST COME TO AN END.
NICE TO MEET YOU. MY NAME'S HARLE-QUIN.


HEEHEE, THAT'S RIGHT, BUT...
HAR-LEQUIN, IT'S STILL MY TURN. DON'T INTER-FERE.

THE KING WANTS TO SEE THE HUNTED PREY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THAT'S ENOUGH. OH STORM, IT'S TIME TO RAISE THE CURTAIN FOR A NEW ACT!

THE KING... MASTER FACE-LESS, HUH...

THE HUNTED PREY...?

I'M TALKING ABOUT THE ONE WE TOOK FROM THE YOUNG MASARU, MISS ELEONORE.

YES!

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THE WIND AND RAIN... STOPPED...?

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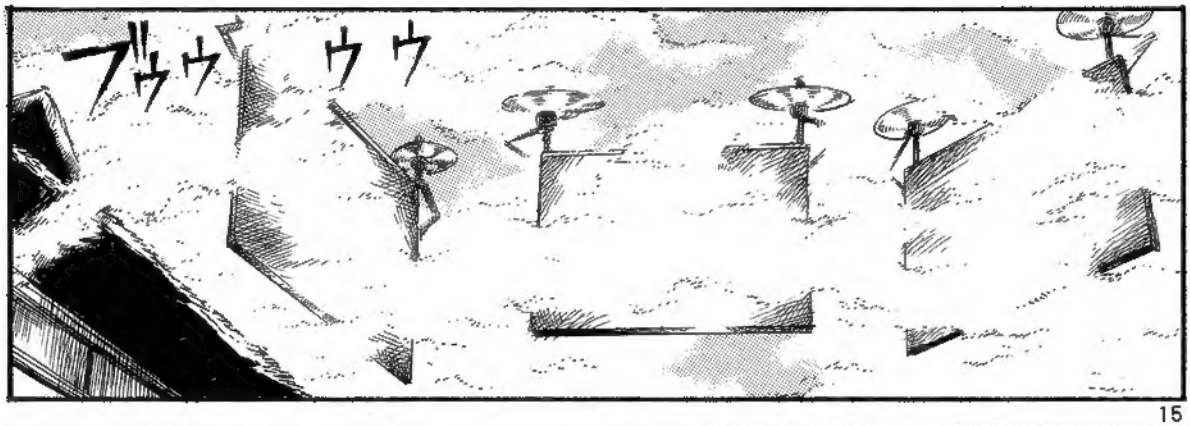
THAT'S RIGHT. I SWEAR ON THE BUST OF *LA GIOCONDA* THAT THE WISHES OF OUR DEAR CREATOR ARE OUR PRIORITY.

IF THIS IS MASTER FACELESS' WILL... I'M LEFT WITH NO CHOICE...

AH... THAT'S ...
HM... WHAT ARE THOSE ...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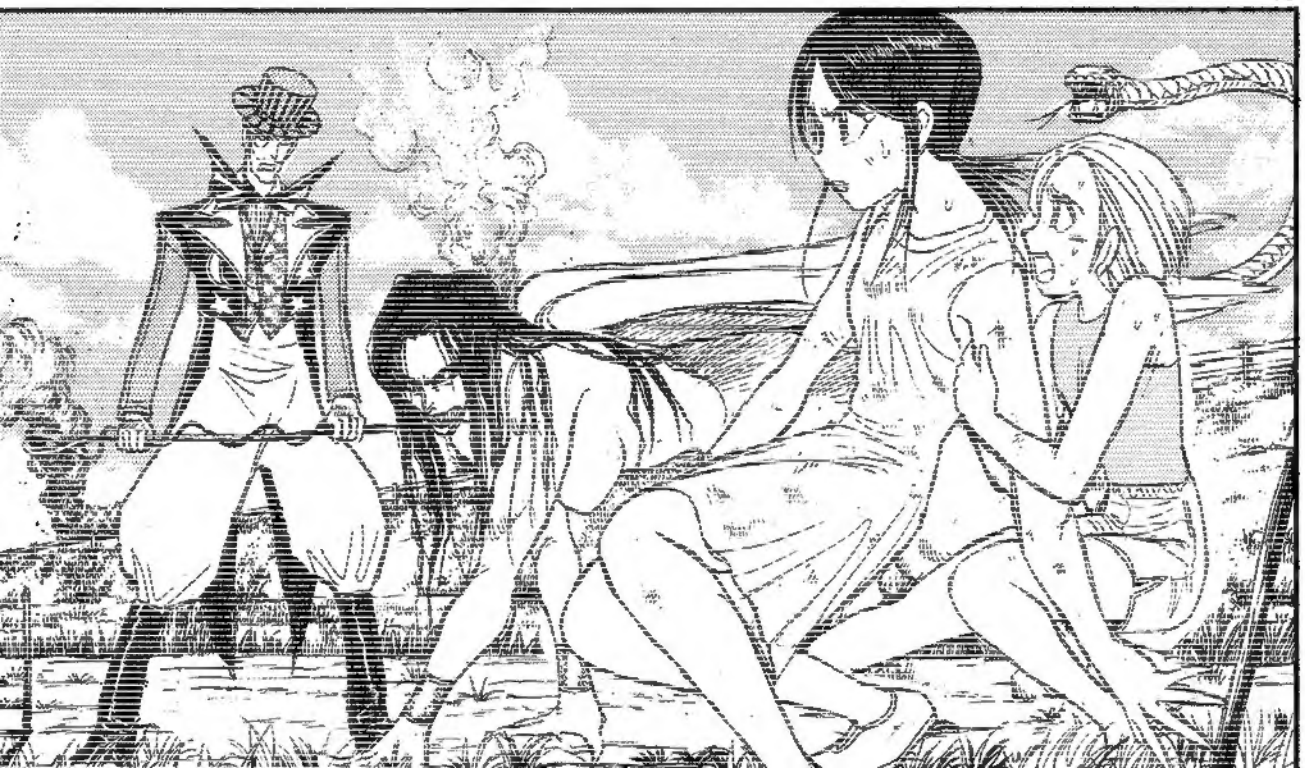

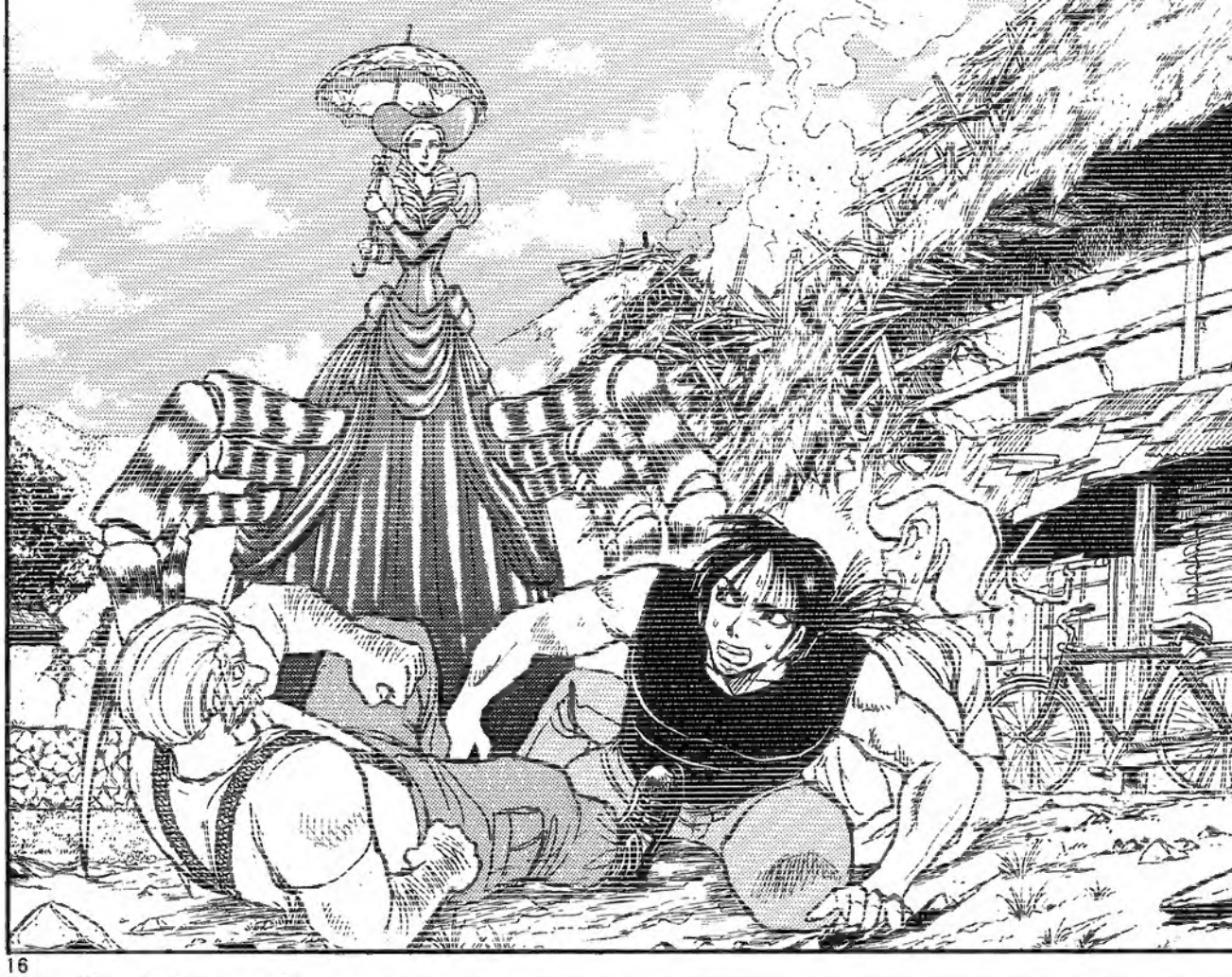

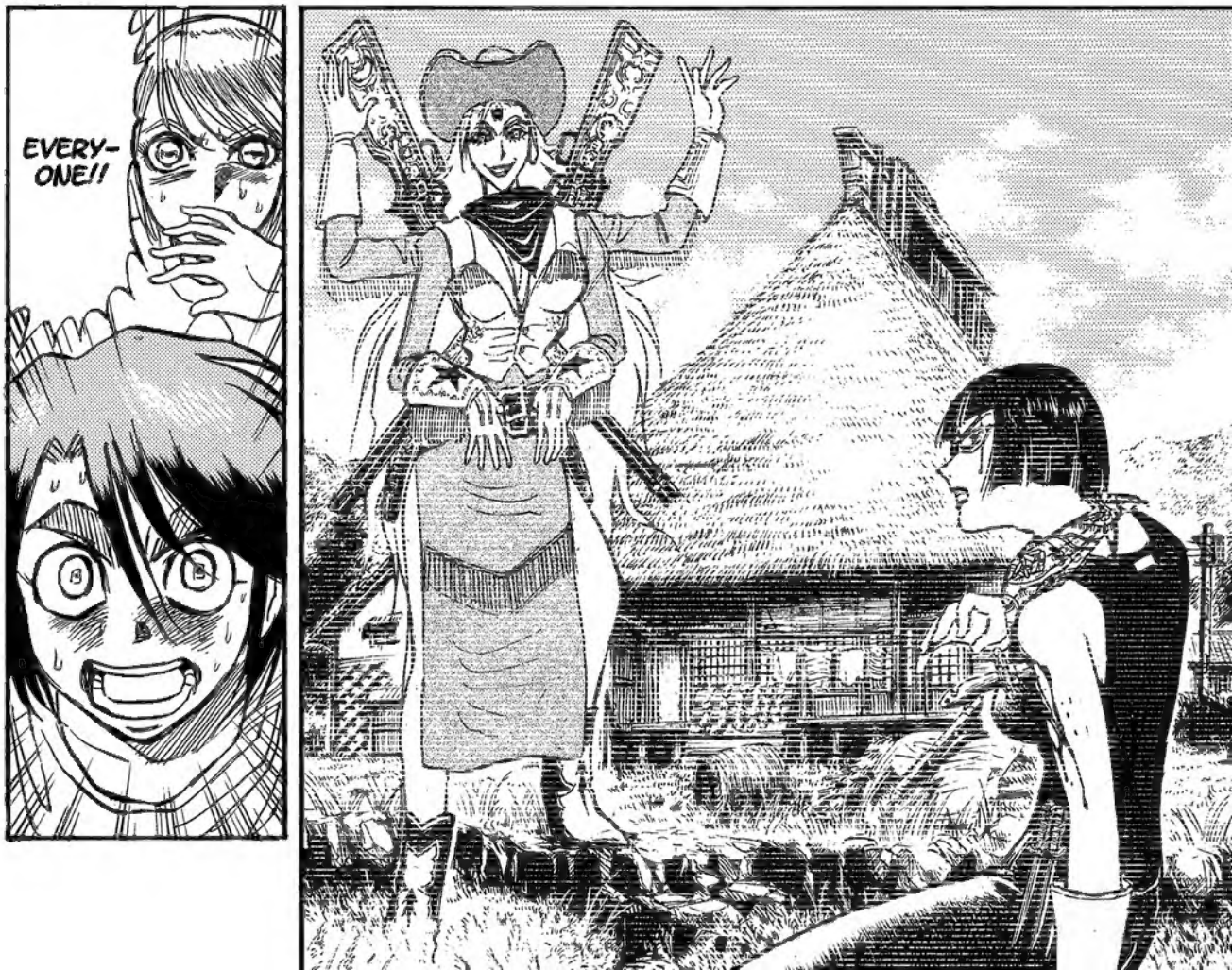
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ONE!!

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THEY ARE IN BIG TROUBLE NOW!
THAT'S RIIIGHT!! THEY ARE YOUR BELOVED FRIENDS...

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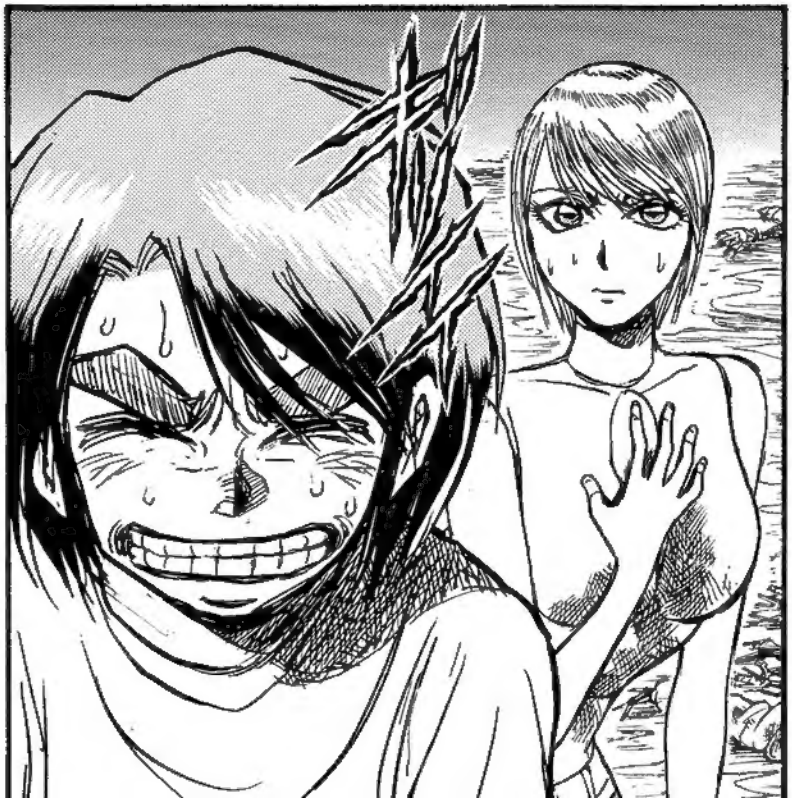
THAT'S THE RULE OF THE GAME. BUT IF WE KEEP THIS UP, BOTH OF US WILL GET EXHAUSTED...
THE TRUTH IS, WE WERE SUPPOSED TO FIGHT AND DEFEAT THE LITTLE MASARU, THEN WE'D GET ELEO-NORE!



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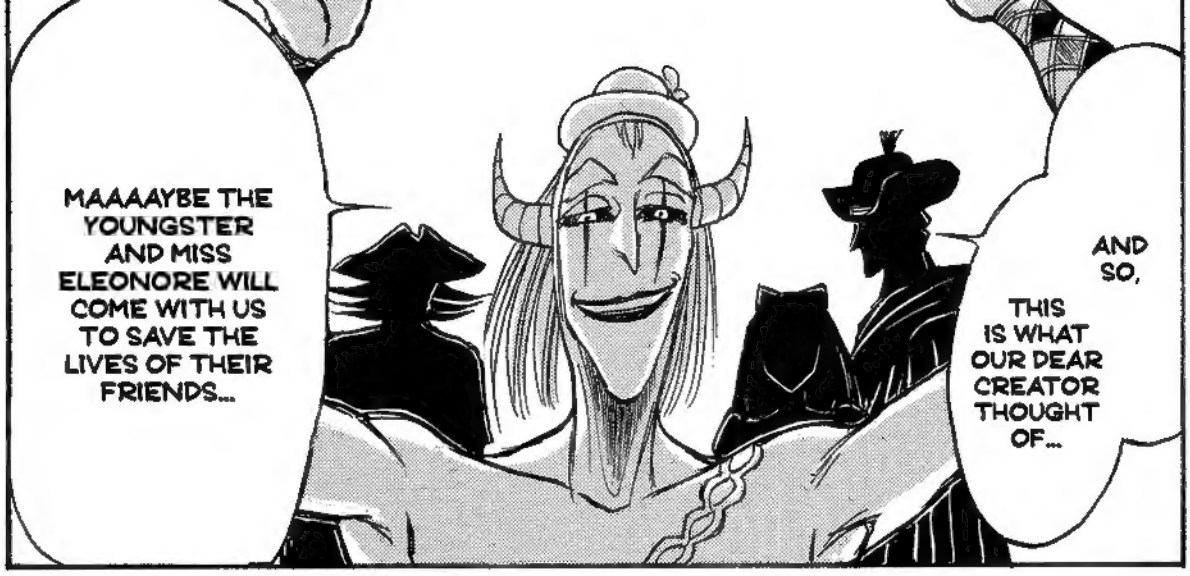
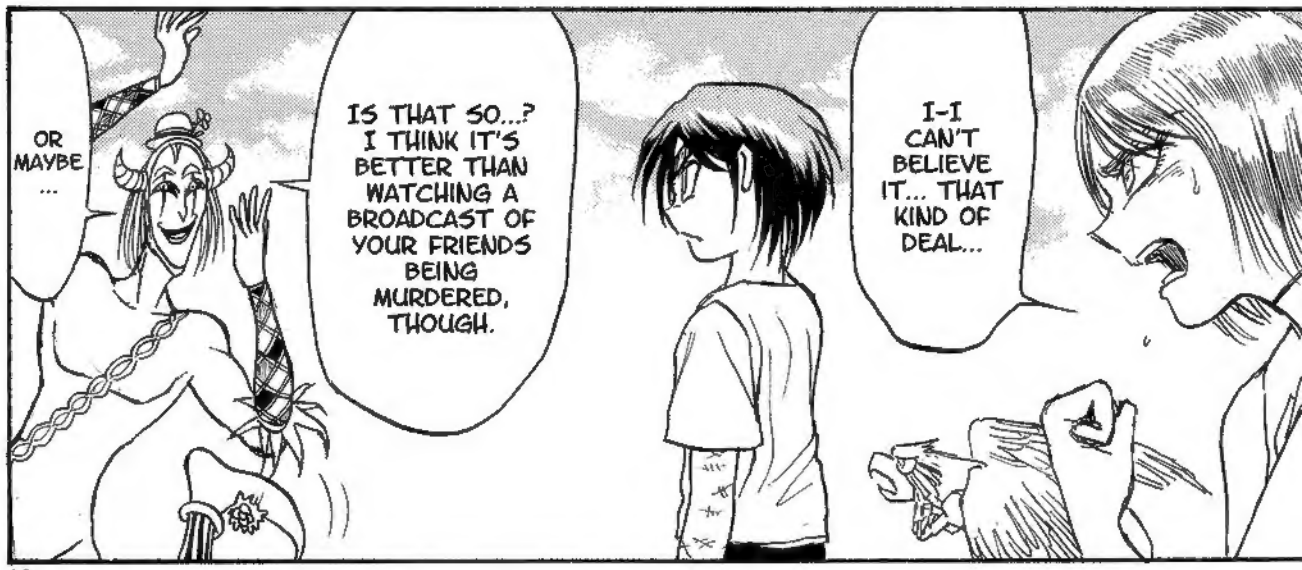

MAAAAYBE THE YOUNGSTER AND MISS ELEONORE WILL COME WITH US TO SAVE THE LIVES OF THEIR FRIENDS...
AND SO, THIS IS WHAT OUR DEAR CREATOR THOUGHT OF...


OR MAYBE ...
IS THAT SO...? I THINK IT'S BETTER THAN WATCHING A BROADCAST OF YOUR FRIENDS BEING MURDERED, THOUGH.
I-I CAN'T BELIEVE IT... THAT KIND OF DEAL...

NAOTA-SAN, MITSU-USHI-SAN!!!
H-HELP UUUS...
YOU'D RATHER WATCH THEM BEING KILLED LIVE?